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26 July 1904.

Dear Sir,

I am afraid our knowledge of Tibetan numismatics has progressed very little since the publication of Lacouperie's paper in the Numismatic Chronicle.

In my note-books,

under 21 Oct. 1893. I find I have made the same observation as to an apparent date $\frac{9\,11}{2\,5}$ = 15th cycle, 21st year.* This appears on a coin which was given to the British Museum by Mr. Rockhill in February 1893. I suppose, as you suggest, that the Tibetan coinage was resumed

*1804

then; but, as I have said, Lacouperie's paper practically represents all we know here. No doubt further information will now be available shortly.

I have kept your rubbings, both of this coin & of the variety of Lacouperie's No. 1. If I find out any thing more about them, I will let you know; and,

on the other hand, we shall also be grateful for any information that you can give us.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

E. J. Rapson

DEPARTMENT OF COINS AND MEDALS,
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1 Sept. 1905.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my best thanks for your useful little paper on the Sunghra as found upon coins. It is most interesting, & I am glad to have such an

article to which I can refer enquirers as to the meaning of the tooghras on Turkish & other coins.

Yours very truly

E. Rapson.

Howard Wood Esq.

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON : W.C.

16 Aug. 1906.

My dear Sir,

I much regret that I have no recent information on Tibetan coins other than that which is contained in Prof. de Lacouperie's account; but

we may naturally expect that, now that interest in Tibet has been aroused, some additional information will soon be available.

I am myself leaving the Museum to become Professor of Sanskrit at Cambridge; but my colleagues will always be pleased to answer any

numismatic questions: and I shall hope myself not to lose touch altogether with this Department.

It is very kind of you to think of sending for the Museum a photo-graph of the different varie-ties of the "Ship. Colonies & Commerce card". It will be useful for reference.

Yours truly
E. J. Rapson.